
MEASURE W

LOOMIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX

In order to maintain current response times, attract and retain quality firefighters, upgrade equipment, and train firefighters on new equipment and advances in emergency medicine should the Loomis Fire Protection District be authorized to impose an additional annual special tax of fifty dollars per residential parcel, with differential tax rates for multiple family properties and mobile home parks, adjusted annually by the two percent allowed by Proposition 13?

YES _____ NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL

The Loomis Fire Protection District proposes to impose a special tax to provide sufficient revenues to support the current fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services provided by the District in response to resident and property owner demands (Loomis Fire Protection District Ordinance).

The District is proposing to impose a tax of \$50.00 for all residential real property parcels. Multiple family residential properties would be taxed \$50.00 for the first unit and \$25.00 per unit thereafter. Mobile home parks would be taxed \$50.00 and \$2.50 for each unit in that park, and \$50.00 for all other parcels of real property within the District.

The special tax rates may be adjusted at the beginning of each fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2005, following a public hearing by an amount not to exceed 2%.

This increased special tax would be an annual tax upon parcels of property commencing with the 2005-2006 tax year. The special tax would be collected in the same manner as the County collects ad valorem taxes.

A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of the Loomis Fire Protection District special tax.

A "NO" vote is a vote against imposing the Loomis Fire Protection District special tax.

Measure W must receive approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voters voting upon the measure to be considered approved by the voters.

Anthony J. La Bouff
County Counsel

By: Sabrina M. Thompson
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W

The Loomis Fire District has been protecting lives and property in the Loomis Basin since 1930, and now it needs your help in continuing this important public service - a service that you, the Basin residents, pay for. Because this is your fire district, you are entitled to know what is needed and why.

Since the enactment of Proposition 13 in 1978, the district has struggled to meet the growing demands for service within a very limited budget. All of the Fire Districts in Placer County receive different rates of tax revenue because of Proposition 13. Loomis Fire District, at 2.246%, has one of the lowest rates of all the Districts in the County.

The Districts current special tax of \$75.56 per parcel has proven to be inadequate to fund the district's operations, which include fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency medical services. Soaring operational and equipment costs, including those resulting from state and federal mandates, have forced the district to ask for additional help and that's what Measure W seeks. In order to maintain its current professional level of service, it is imperative that the district obtain the ability to compete for qualified

personnel by providing a livable wage comparable with surrounding agencies.

The minimum amount to adequately fund your fire service would be an additional \$50.00 per year per parcel, which equates to approximately 14 cents a day. Because it is a locally approved fire tax, measure W will provide the District with additional revenue, which cannot be used by state government to ease their budget woes!

Please join us, your neighbors, and the Loomis Fire District's governing board in casting a resounding YES vote for Measure W.

Thanks for your support.

Edward N. Bonner, Placer County Sheriff
Randy Elder, C.F.P.
Edwin F. Nelthorpe, Businessman
David Nelthorpe, Businessman
James T. Williams, Former Placer County Supervisor/Businessman

<p>NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE W WAS SUBMITTED</p>

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOOMIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DETERMINING AND PROPOSING FOR VOTER APPROVAL A SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE PROTECTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53978

The Governing Board of the Loomis Fire Protection District does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Recitals

A. The Loomis Fire Protection District is now receiving drastically reduced funding due to diversion of local tax moneys by the State of California and state mandated costs.

B. Under California law, the voters of the District must approve funding by means of an additional special tax to support the current fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services provided by the District in response to residents and property owner demands.

C. The Board of the District, under the authority of Government Code Section 53978, wishes to propose to the voters the adopting of a special tax as more fully set forth below.

D. The Board of Directors has held public hearings to determine if support exists for the proposed measure and has determined that it is appropriate to place the proposed measure before the voters for decision. The proposed measure augments and is in addition to the special tax previously approved by the voters at an earlier special election.

Section 2. Proposition for Voter Approval

The District Board hereby submits for voter approval at a general election to be held on November 2, 2004, the following proposition:

Should an ordinance be enacted by the voters of Loomis Fire Protection District, which does the following:

- 1) Imposes an annual special tax of fifty (\$50.00) dollars per parcel on all residential parcels of real property within the District.
- 2) Imposes an annual special tax of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the first unit and twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per unit thereafter on multiple family residential properties.
- 3) Imposes an annual special tax of fifty (\$50.00) dollars on each mobile home park and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) dollars for each unit in that park.
- 4) Imposes a special tax of fifty (\$50.00) dollars on all other parcels of real property, however used, within the District.
- 5) The special tax may be adjusted at the beginning of each fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2005, following a public hearing by an amount not to exceed the two (2%) percent by which property taxes may be increased under the provisions of Proposition 13.

6) This special tax, as approved by the voters, shall be used only for the purpose of continuing District fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services. The tax proceeds shall be placed in an account created for that purpose by the District. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the District shall file an annual report regarding the use of tax proceeds as required by Government Code Section 50075.3. The proposed ballot title and question are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. Collection of Tax

If approved by 2/3 of the qualified electors voting at the election the special tax set forth above shall be collected annually by Placer County in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as other taxes collected by the County. Placer County is hereby authorized to deduct from the taxes received its reasonable costs of collection.

Section 4. Applicability of Tax

The special tax, if approved by 2/3 of the registered voters of the District voting on the measure, will augment the previously approved special tax levied on improved properties within the District and such special tax shall not apply to any zone formed within the Fire Suppression Special Assessment District.

Section 5. Election Services

The Board of Supervisors of Placer County is requested to direct consolidation of elections, if required provide the services of the Placer County Elections Office to conduct the election at designated precinct voting places located within the District, with the cost of said election to be borne by the District.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance, which related to an election, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 7. Summary Publication and Posting

Within thirty (30) days after the adoption of this ordinance, the Clerk of the Board shall cause to be prepared a summary of this ordinance which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation. Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the Clerk of the Board shall cause a true and correct copy of the ordinance to be posted in at least three (3) public places within the District.

First reading of this ordinance was held on June 17, 2004. This ordinance was adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Loomis Fire District on July 14, 2004. Its adoption was moved by Director Verlyn D. Eisert and seconded by Director Wm. M. Tudsbury and carried by roll call by the following vote:

AYES: Fellers, Tudsbury, Eisert

NOES: none

ABSTAIN/ABSENT La Giusa, Shearer

Greg E. Fellers, President
Loomis Fire Protection District

Attest: Barbara Leak, Secretary of the Board